

Council Offices,  
Uppermill.

HEALTH  
1942  
To the Chairman and Members of the  
Saddleworth Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1942. Owing to the absence or incompleteness of the records available it has not been possible to give a complete account of the work carried out during the year. I wish also to express my thanks to the officials of the Council for their assistance in compiling this report.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The general geography and physical conditions of Saddleworth have been described in previous reports and in this year of war will not be again described.

Area - 18,485 acres (1,555 acres formed the Old Springhead). Included in the area is much enclosed moorland, which form the gathering grounds of the many reservoirs of neighboring large towns.

Population - 17,064  
Number of inhabited houses - 5,825  
Rateable Value - £101,706  
Product of a Penny Rate - £392

Chief Industries are woollen industries, calico printing, cotton industries, engineering, paper making, wall paper manufacture and dairy farming.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS  
OF THE YEAR (1942).

<u>Births.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	129	95
Illegitimate	2	3
Total live Births	229	

Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population - 13.4

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate	4	7
Illegitimate	-	-

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Transferable deaths (away)</u>
	110	102	60

Deaths - Saddleworth - 212      Total Deaths - 272

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population - 16.6

Death of Infants under 1 year of age: Males 12; Females 4.

Death Rate of all Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births 69.8

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF MORTALITY  
(Deaths out of District not included)

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever	0
Measles	0
Scarlet Fever	0
Whooping Cough	0
Diphtheria	0
Influenza	2

## Principal Causes of Mortality (Cont.)

Encephalitis Lethargica	0	
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0	
(Tuberculosis of Respiratory System (Phthisis)	9	} 11
(Other tubercular Diseases	2	
Syphilitic Diseases	1	
<u>Cancer.</u>		
Cancer of buccal cavity and oesophagus	1	} 31
Cancer of Uterus	4	
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	7	
Cancer of Breast	4	
Cancer of all other sites	4	
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	3	
Diabetes	4	
(Cerebral Haemorrhage etc.	25	} 93
(Heart Disease	62	
(Other Circulatory Diseases	6	
(Bronchitis	18	} 26
(Pneumonia (all forms)	6	
(Other Respiratory Diseases	2	
Peptic Ulcer	1	
Diarrhoea, etc. (under 2 years)	3	
Appendicitis	0	
Other Digestive Diseases	3	
Nephritis (Acute and Chronic)	10	
Puerperal Sepsis	0	
Other Maternal causes	0	
Premature Birth	6	
Infant Birth Injuries	2	
Suicide	2	
Other Violence	4	
Road Traffic Accidents	2	
All other causes	11	
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## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

#### STAFF - PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health  
 E. A. Ramsden, M.R.C.S., D.P.H. (Manchester)  
 Sanitary Inspector and Food & Drugs Inspector  
 Leonard Taylor, M.R.S.I. F.R.H.S.

Housing Inspector and Sewerage  
 Bertram Castle, M.I.M.C.E. M.R.S.I.

Public Vaccinator: John Loftus. M.B.

School Nurses:  
 Nurse Holroyd.  
 Nurse Hurst.

Sewage Works Manager - Andrew Barker.

District Nurses  
 Nurse Stafford.  
 Nurse Standring  
 Nurse Cook  
 Nurse Undy  
 Nurse Tate

Housing Manager.  
 G. H. Booth.



Laboratory Facilities.

These are provided by the County Council Laboratories at Wakefield, where pathological materials are examined, free of charge, for suspected Diphtheria, Tuberculosis, Typhoid Fever etc., etc., Also the water and milk supplied are examined from time to time. There has been no change in these services as the result of the war.

Ambulance Services.

	Location of Ambulance.
For General Purposes	Oldham Fire Station.
Medical, Surgical Cases and Accidents	Mossley Fire Station.
For General Infectious Disease Cases	Ambulances from various Fever Hospitals. At Ashton, Oldham, Hyde and Meltham.

Home Nursing.

West Riding Nursing Association, Leeds.	
Dobcross and Delph	1 Nurse
Uppermill and Diggle	1 Nurse
Greenfield	1 Nurse
Springhead	1 Nurse
	1 Midwife
Denshaw	No District Nurse

Your Council allows an annual grant of £30 to each of the following Nursing Associations:-

- Dobcross and Delph Nursing Association
- Uppermill and Diggle Nursing Association
- Greenfield Nursing Association.
- Springhead Nursing Association

Payments ranging between 2/6d to 4/- a year per family are charged for the services of the District Nurses.

Two nurses (employed by the West Riding County Council) attend the Pre-Natal and Child Welfare Centres at Uppermill, Delph and Springhead. Springhead has a midwife who attends cases also in Denshaw.

Child Welfare Clinics.

Uppermill - Mechanics' Institute, Lee Street	
Wednesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Springhead - Congregational School	
Friday	2 - 4 p.m.
Delph - Independent Sunday School	
Tuesday	2 - 4 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Uppermill - Mechanics Institute	
Fourth Thursday of month	9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Springhead - Congregational School	
Second Monday of month	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Delph - Second Thursday of month	2 p.m.



## Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Court Street, Uppermill  
Thursday mornings

10 a.m. to 12 a.m.

Hospitals: Public and Voluntary.

### Small Pox Hospital.

Saddleworth has an old house on the hill side at Running Hill, Diggle, which has in the past served as such. It is inadequate and it would be better to make arrangements for reception and treatment of cases with some other neighboring authority.

### Infectious Fever Hospital.

Saddleworth has none of its own. Cases are sent to Hospitals of neighboring authorities at our expense, but we have no definite legal arrangements with such authorities.

Infectious cases have been sent to  
Westhulme, Oldham, Ashton, Hyde and Monsall (Manchester)

### General Hospitals.

Medical and Surgical cases from here are sent to the  
Manchester Royal Infirmary  
Oldham Royal Infirmary  
Ashton Infirmary.  
and less frequently to Huddersfield Infirmary.

## SECTION C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### Water Supply.

Obtained from the reservoirs of the Ashton Joint Board and Oldham Corporation. No new supplies of water were acquired during the year.

The supply is continuous and has been satisfactory.

There are many houses which, by reason of their remote positions are not on the public supply. These obtain their water from springs and wells - and none of these have been closed during the year.

As the water supply is practically in all cases (both reservoirs and wells) obtained from the Millstone Grit Formation, it is soft on account of peat and precautions have to be taken against its lead dissolving properties.

Three samples of water from private supplies were submitted for analysis and were all reported satisfactory.

#### Drainage and Sewerage.

Areas still requiring sewerage are Diglee, Shaw Lee, Shaws, Higher Kinders, Tunstead, and are so situated that they could be connected to the public sewers.

Fifty-six inspections of new drainage and sewerage works, carried out by private contractors, have been inspected and tested during the year. Regular inspection and flushing of the main sewerage system is carried out.

There have been no major extensions of the sewerage system during the year.



### Rivers and Streams.

No complaint of pollution has been received from the West Riding Rivers Board and no additional action taken to prevent such, beyond those already in force.

### Closet Accommodation.

Water Closets	4664
Waste water closets	617
Pail Closets	657
(Additional water closets to old buildings provided in 1942	28
Water closets for New Houses	Nil.

### Public Cleansing.

The Council employ 12 men using three covered waggons for the removal of household refuse, and one special wagon for night-soil.

The household refuse is chiefly disposed of by the controlled tipping system. The night-soil is now emptied into the sewer at the old Sewage Works site, Dobcross.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

#### Camping Sites.

There are two camping sites in the district - one at Wood Camping Ground at Denshaw, and the other at Summer Shades, Greenfield. The latter site is licenced by the Council for camping purposes.

#### Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No Council Houses were infested, nor were any other houses.

#### Factories and Workshops.

#### Smoke Observations.

No action was taken as regards smoke abatement.

There are 53 factories and workshops in the area.

#### Inspection.

Frequent visits were paid to the factories and workshops to note matters concerning cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation, drainage of floors and sanitary conveniences.

### SECTION D.

#### HOUSING.

No plans were approved by the Council during the year for the erection of any houses whether by themselves or by private enterprise.

### SECTION E.

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

#### Milk Supply.

During the year 33 visits were made to dairies and cowsheds within the district.

Thirteen samples of milk were taken for bacteriological examination, and one of these was unsatisfactory, two cows were destroyed under the Tuberculosis Order.

There is no production of Tuberculin Tested or Pasturised Milk in the District.

There are thirteen licences in force for the production of Accredited Milk.

Meat and other Foods.

As the result of inspection 1 ton 1 cwt of meat and offal were destroyed as unfit for human consumption.

Slaughterhouses.

The only slaughterhouse in use during the year was one at Dobcross, controlled by the Ministry of Food.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Notifiable Diseases.

Notifiable Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	21	6	-
Diphtheria	5	5	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Pneumonia	20	-	6
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	6	-	-
Measles	201	-	-

Incidence of Diphtheria.

Old Saddleworth - 1932 and 1933	-	9 cases notified.
1934 and 1935	-	49 "
1936	-	11 "
New Saddleworth - 1937	-	15 "
1938	-	3 "
1939	-	No cases notified
1940	-	1 case notified.
1941	-	6 cases notified
1942	-	5 "

The Council has authorised the free provision of Diphtheria Anti-toxin for the use of Saddleworth residents on the approval of the Medical Officer of Health.

Tuberculosis.

New cases of Tuberculosis during 1940.

Age Periods.	Pulmonary Males	Pulmonary Females	New Cases None-Pulmonary Males	New Cases None-Pulmonary Females.
0 - 1	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	1
5 - 15	-	-	-	1
15 - 25	-	-	2	-
25 - 35	-	-	1	1
35 - 45	2	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	1	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-

There were 4 deaths from Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System (phthisis) and one death from other tubercular Diseases during the year.

I am,  
Your obedient servant.

*P.B. Wood*



ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.  
For year ending 1942.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Saddleworth.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the annual report for the year 1942. It is regretted that a good deal of the information has had to be omitted from this report owing to lack of records of work carried out during the year.

Statement as to houses in the District and  
their Sanitary Accommodation.

No. of houses	5825
Factories, Workshops, Lock-up Shops etc.	186
Pail Closets	657
Water Closets	4664
Waste Water Closets	617
Earth Closets	37
Ashpits (covered and open)	88
Ashbins	4378

28 New Water Closets were erected to old property.

6 Waste Water Closets were converted to fresh water closets.

Petroleum Licences.

28 Licences for the storage of petroleum spirit and one for the storage of Calcium Carbide were granted during the year.

Summary of Housing Conditions, Year ended  
December 31st, 1942.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	18,485 Acres
Population	17,064
Number of Inhabited Houses	
1st April, 1942	5,825
Rateable Value 1st April, 1942	£101,706
Sum represented by a penny rate	
1st April, 1942	£ 392

Dairies and Cowsheds.

During the year 33 visits were made to dairies and cowsheds 13, samples of milk were examined bacteriologically and one was reported not satisfactory. 2 cows were destroyed under the provisions of the Tuberculosis Order.

Eight applications for licences for milk production were granted during the year, 13 of the farms were licenced for the production of accredited milk.

Slaughterhouses.

The only slaughterhouse in use during the year was one at Crompton Knowl, Dobcross, operated by the Ministry of Food.

Food Inspection.

Considerable time was spent in food inspection at the Government Slaughterhouse at Dobcross when 400 carcasses of Beef, 1350 Sheep & Lambs 18 Pigs and 13 Calves were examined. One ton one cwt of Beef, Pork and Offal were condemned as unfit for human consumption.

### Salvage of Waste Materials.

The Council employ four men on salvage work at the Walk Mill Tip, Dobcross, where three paper baling machines and one tin baling machine are in use.

The following table shows the weights and values of salvage sold during the year:-

	T.	C.	Q.	Lbs.	£.	s.	d
Paper	174	9	1	0	1021	14	5
Tins	73	16	2	0	70	2	3
Scrap Iron	31	9	0	0	58	0	4
Non Ferr Metals	1	1	1	7	20	4	7
Bottles and Glass	21	4	1	0	34	16	3
Textiles	7	5	3	0	47	17	0
Bones		19	0	8	3	11	3
Rubber	4	5	1	0	6	2	7
	314	10	1	15	£ 1262	8	8

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. W. NOWELL Assoc. M.C.T., M.S.I.

Sanitary Inspector.